

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 27 are cancelled. Claims 23-26 and 28-30 are pending in the above-identified patent application. Per the Office Action Summary, claims 23-26 and 28-30 are allowed. In paragraph 2 of page 2 of the Office action, claims 23-26 are indicated to be allowable. As claims 23-26 and claims 28-30 are not rejected in the body of the Office action, applicant assumes that paragraph 3 (Response to Arguments) of the Office action is in error.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 13-16, 20-22, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Okuzono *et al.* (U.S. 5,268,932). Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 13-16, 20-22, and 27 are cancelled, so the rejections are moot.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 3, 11-12, and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okuzono *et al.* in view of Self *et al.* Claims 3, 11-12, and 17-19 are cancelled, so the rejections are moot.

Allowed Claims

Claims 23-26 and 28-30 are allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney at 612-371-2109 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

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